

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 10, lines 4-8 as follows.

[FIG. 4] FIG. 4 is a view seen in the direction of the arrow taken ~~along A-A of~~ along 4-4 of FIG. 3 (first embodiment).

[FIG. 5] FIG. 5 is a partly enlarged view seen in the direction of the arrow taken ~~along B-B of~~ along 5-5 of FIG. 3 (first embodiment).

Please amend the paragraph at page 10, lines 22-23 as follows.

[FIG. 11] FIG. 11 is a view seen in the direction of the arrow taken ~~along C-C of~~ along 11-11 of FIG. 10 (third embodiment).

Please amend paragraph [0035] as follows.

FIG. 4 is a view seen in the direction of the arrow taken ~~along A-A of~~ along 4-4 of FIG. 3 and corresponds to a partly cross sectional view of a side surface of the differential housing 15 portion of the axle 10, and FIG. 5 is a view seen in the direction of the arrow taken ~~along B-B of~~ along 5-5 of FIG. 3. As shown by FIGS. 4 and 5, a suction inlet port 48 is formed in a bottom portion side inner peripheral surface of the differential housing 15, and the suction inlet port 48 is connected to a suction outlet port 42 formed in the outer peripheral surface of the differential housing 15 via a suction pipe line 43. The suction outlet port 42 is formed in the mounting seat 16 to which the lubricating pump 30 is attached, and is formed at an upper position than the position where the suction inlet port 48 is formed. A formed number and a formed position of the suction inlet port 48 are not limited to the illustrated embodiment, but a necessary number of suction inlet ports can be formed at desired formed positions.

Please amend paragraph [0072] as follows.

FIG. 11 is a view seen in the direction of the arrow taken ~~along C-C of~~ along 11-11 of FIG. 10. The same reference numerals are attached to the same members as those of the first embodiment described in FIG. 4, and a description thereof will be omitted. In FIG. 11, the pipe joint block 60 is provided with a suction passage 61, a suction port 62 and a discharge passage 63. The suction passage 61 and the suction port 62 are connected to the suction outlet port 42 provided in the mounting seat 16, and the discharge passage 63 is connected to the discharge port 44 provided in the mounting seat 16. The discharge passage 63 is connected to an intake port 64 (also illustrated in FIG. 10) provided in a side surface portion of the pipe joint block 60.